

DLA AWARD WINNERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR

The Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC),
Fire and Emergency Services
Accepting Award: Fire Chief Terry Wyler

Runner-up: Defense Distribution Susquehanna, PA (DDSP)

CIVILIAN FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Fire Fighter/EMT Mr. William Woofter, DDSP

Runner-up: Fire Fighter/Paramedic, Mr. Scott Bryan,
Defense Supply Center, Columbus, OH


CIVILIAN FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Fire Chief Gary Brouse, DDSP

HEROISM

DDSP Fire Department

***Congratulations to all Army and DLA
Winners and Runners-up!!!***



**Army/DLA Awards
Banquet**

Adams Mark Hotel
26 August 2003, Dallas Texas

Army Fire & Emergency Services Web Site:
http://www.hqda.army.mil/acs/mw_eb/fd/policy/fire/firecur.htm

DLA Fire & Emergency Services Web Site:
<https://today.dla.mil/headlines/dla/200306/article7980.htm>

LUNCHEON PROGRAM

(LONE STAR BALLROOM B)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mr. Bruce Park
Director, Army Fire & Emergency Services

SPECIAL MUSIC – “HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?”

Assistant Chief Mike Kuk, Fort Leavenworth
Captain Tom Caruso, Fort Monmouth

WELCOME/NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mr. Park/Assistant Chief Mike Kuk and Debbie Freeman

INTRODUCTIONS (DIGNITARIES)

Mr. Bruce Park

INVOCATION

Assistant Chief Kuk

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AWARDS PRESENTATION

Army: Messieurs Robert Sperberg, ACSIM
and Donald LaRocque, IMA
Defense Logistics Agency: Messieurs Richard Connelly
and/or David VanPernis

BURN ‘EM DOWN ROAST

Roast Host – Mr. Bruce Park
Roastee – Chief Verne Witham
Roasters – Chiefs John Erichsen, Dean Dixon, Scotty
Freeman, Donald Skalsky, Billy Cannedy, and
Mr. Tom Dolen
Verne’s Turn

ARMY AWARD WINNERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR

Fort Carson Fire and Emergency Services
Fort Carson, CO
Accepting Award: Fire Chief Verne Witham

Runner-up: Fort Monmouth, NJ

CIVILIAN FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Fire Fighter/EMT Elizabeth Sweeney
Fort Monmouth, NJ

Runner-up: Mr. Brian Klosterhoff, Fort Hood, TX

MILITARY FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Sgt Kenneth P. Cato, Fort Lewis, WA

CIVILIAN FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Alexander Gernhard, Ansbach, Germany

Runner-up: Mr. Gregory Ericsson, Fort Lewis, WA

MILITARY FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SFC Celestino Herrera, Jr., Fort Lewis, WA

Runner-up: MSG Robert M. Johnson, Fort Lewis, WA

HEROISM

Captains Mitch Blaakman and George Rothfritz, Lt. Kip
Bachar, and Fire Fighters Scott Warren, Michael Marks,
Brian Drappo, Robert Tennies, Karl Tylanda, and John
Smith, Fort Drum, New York

Runner-up: Messieurs Bennett, Shanrock, Swearingen,
and Teel, Fort Lewis, WA